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SM/Sound Pollution /Police/2023

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To
Shri Vineet Kumar Goyal IPS
The Commissioner of Police, Kolkata
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Sub: Appeal For Controlling Sound Pollution in the ensuing New Year

Sir,

On behalf of Sabuj Mancha, the platform of organizations and individuals engaged in protection of environment in West Bengal, humbly submit that during the ensuing New Year, again there is possibility of abrupt increase of noise and air pollution due to fireworks, fire crackers and loud speakers.

You must be aware that as per Supreme Court Order, all kinds of fireworks except **Green Fireworks** produced by authorized units are banned. Moreover crackers may be used only from 11.55 PM of 31st December to 00.30 AM of 1st January. SOP in this regard has been circulated by the WBPCB Circular No. 21/WPB-H(X)/2022 dated 27.12.23. So we request you to take strict measure and issue instructions to all the officers under your jurisdiction and especially the Officers-in-Charge of the Police Stations to strictly implement the law and any violation must be brought to book and to take strict penal action against the violators.

You may also be aware that any loud speaker should not be used without installation of a sound limiter. Any microphone should not be allowed beyond 6 AM to 10 PM. So we request you to take strong action against the violators of the norms. There should be clear instructions to all concerned including the government authorities to hold programmes only with the loud speakers fitted with sound limiters. There should be no relaxation for any programme held whether by government or private organizers.

We draw your kind attention that during the winter season innumerable picnics are held. Participants of most of the picnics play DJ or loud speakers with high pitch. We appreciate the need of cultural amusements but not at the cost of health and peace of the neighboring villagers including old and ailing people.

Thank you in anticipation. Yours faithfully,

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